

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action dated March 23, 2008. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9 are pending in the Application.

In the Final Office Action, the drawings are objected to for allegedly not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims, namely, the blade thickness at the bending point being larger than the non-bending area blade thickness, as recited in claim 3. In response claim 3 is amended to clarify that the razor blade has a blade material thickness as illustrated in Figure 2, and further, that "the blade material thickness at the bending zone being larger than the blade material thickness at the unperforated further portion."

In the Final Office Action, claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 4,302,876 to Emmett ("Emmett") in view of U.S. Patent No. 972,436 to Clark ("Clark"). Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Emmett in view of Clark and further in view of Saturday Night Live Episode ("SNL") or U.S. Patent No. 1,920,711 to Pelizzola ("Pelizzola"). Claims 7 and 9

are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 3,489,589 to Nissen ("Nissen") in view of Emmett and further in view of Clark. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Nissen in view of Emmett and further in view of Clark as applied to claim 7 and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,224,900 to Creamer ("Creamer"). The rejection of claims 1-9 is respectfully traversed. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-9 are allowable over Emmett in view of Clark, SNL, Pelizzola, Nissen, and Creamer for at least the following reasons.

Emmett describes slidably retain blades 302 and 304 using support 318 in parallel with guide slots 320 and 322. The support 318 only embraces the blades 302 and 304 at or near their opposite ends. Moreover, Emmett requires each blade to include a pair of vertically extending slots 324 to allow movement of the blade. The support 318 includes blade retainers 326 passing through the slots 324 for limiting the motion of blades 302 and 304. (See, Emmett, col. 5, line 55 to col. 6, line 12.)

Similarly, Clark describes a blade that requires a series of perforations 11 (see, Clark, line 75). Nissen is directed only to coating of razor blades.

The razor blade of claim 1 is not anticipated or made obvious

by the teachings of Emmett in view of Clark. For example, Emmett in view of Clark does not disclose or suggest, a razor blade that amongst other patentable elements, comprises "an unperforated further portion for attachment to the bridge partition of the razor head" as recited in claim 1, and as similarly recited in claim 7. SNL, Pelizzola and Creamer are cited for allegedly showing different features and does not cure the noted deficiencies of Emmett in view of Clark.

Based on the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1 and 7 are patentable and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Claims 2-6 and 8-9 respectively depend from one of claims 1 and 7 and accordingly are allowable for at least this reason as well as for the separately patentable elements contained in each of the claims. Accordingly, separate consideration of each of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

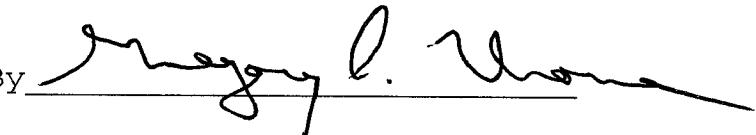
In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to

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submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

Applicant has made a diligent and sincere effort to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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